Amendments to the Specification

I. Please replace the paragraph on page 29, lines 15-22 with the following amended paragraph:

The term "nucleotide sequence complementary to the nucleotide sequence of Table 1" refers to the nucleotide sequence of the complementary strand of a nucleotide acid strand nucleotide sequence having a SEQ ID NO: designated in the GenBank accession referred to in Table 1. The term "complementary strand" is used herein interchangeably with the term "complement". The complement of a nucleic acid strand can be the complement of a coding strand or the complement of a non-coding strand.

II. Please replace the paragraph on page 31, lines 10-24 with the following amended paragraph:

As used herein, the term "specifically hybridizes" or "specifically detects" refers to the ability of a nucleic acid molecule of the invention to hybridize to at least a portion of, for example, approximately 6, 12, 15, 20, 30, 50, 100, 150, 200, 300, 350, 400, 500, 750, or 1000 contiguous nucleotides of a nucleic acid designated in any one of SEQ ID Nos: 1-146 SEQ ID NOS:1-180, or a sequence complementary thereto, or naturally occurring mutants thereof, such that it has less than 15%, preferably less than 10%, and more preferably less than 5% background hybridization to a cellular nucleic acid (e.g., mRNA or genomic DNA) encoding a different protein. In preferred embodiments, the oligonucleotide probe detects only a specific nucleic acid, e.g., it does not substantially hybridize to similar or related nucleic acids, or complements thereof.

III. Please replace the paragraph on page 85, lines 4-29 with the following amended paragraph:

In yet another embodiment, the invention provides methods for determining whether a subject is at risk for developing a disease, such as a predisposition to develop IBD, for example UC or CD, associated with an aberrant activity of any one of the polypeptides encoded by

nucleic acids of SEQ ID Nos: 1-146 SEQ ID NOS:1-180, wherein the aberrant activity of the polypeptide is characterized by detecting the presence or absence of a genetic lesion characterized by at least one of (i) an alteration affecting the integrity of a gene encoding a marker polypeptides, or (ii) the mis-expression of the encoding nucleic acid. To illustrate, such genetic lesions can be detected by ascertaining the existence of at least one of (i) a deletion of one or more nucleotides from the nucleic acid sequence, (ii) an addition of one or more nucleotides to the nucleic acid sequence, (iii) a substitution of one or more nucleotides of the nucleic acid sequence, (iv) a gross chromosomal rearrangement of the nucleic acid sequence, (v) a gross alteration in the level of a messenger RNA transcript of the nucleic acid sequence, (vii) aberrant modification of the nucleic acid sequence, such as of the methylation pattern of the genomic DNA, (vii) the presence of a non-wild type splicing pattern of a messenger RNA transcript of the gene, (viii) a non-wild type level of the marker polypeptide, (ix) allelic loss of the gene, and/or (x) inappropriate post-translational modification of the marker polypeptide.

IV. Please replace the paragraph on page 89, lines 8-14 with the following amended paragraph:

Another aspect of the invention is directed to the identification of agents capable of modulating the growth state of an IBD cell. In this regard, the invention provides assays for determining compounds that modulate the expression of the marker nucleic acids (SEQ-ID-Nos: 1-146 SEQ ID NOS:1-180) and/or alter (for example, inhibit) the bioactivity of the encoded polypeptide.

V. Please replace Table 1 on pages 93-100 with the following amended Table 1:

Table 1

	UC	CD	Acc No. SEQ ID NO:	Gene Names	Chromosome	Microsatellite Markers
1	↑21.4	↑12.8	¥000787 1	MDNCF/IL-8	4q13-q21	D4S392-D4S2947
I	↑15.3	,	X54489 2	MGSA (GRO1)	4q21	D4S400-D4S1534
I	↑7.9		M57731 3	MIP-2 (GRO2)	4q21	D4S392-D4S2947
I	↑8.9	↑4.1	M28130 4	IL8	4q13-q21	D4S392-D4S2947
I	↑6.8	↑3.9	X57351 5	IP-10 <u>IFITM2</u>	11	pTEL-D11S1318
I	†6		J04130 <u>6</u>	MIP-1 <u>β</u> /SCYA4	17q21	D17S933-D17S800
I	↑3.4		X53800 <u>7</u>	MIP-2β (GRO3)	4q21	D4S400-D4S1534
I	↑3.2		M69203 8	MIP-1 MCP-1/SCYA2	17q21 17q11.2-q12	D17S933-D17S800 D17S1293-D17S933
I	↑4.6		X04500 9	pro-IL-1 <u>β</u>	2q14	D2S293-D2S121
Ī	↑3.5		X53296 10	IL-1RA	2q14	D2S293-D2S121
I	↑3.3		X04602 11	IL-6	7q21	D7S829-D7S673
I	†3		J03756 12	Growth hormone 2 (GH2)	17q22-q24	D17S794-D17S795
I	↓3.5		D16431 <u>13</u>	Hepatoma-derived growth factor (HDGF)	17q2-q24	D17S794-D17S795
i I		- ↓4	M58286 <u>14</u>	TNF Receptor member:	12p13.2	D12S99-D12S358
II	†35.5		\$75256 <u>15</u>	Neutrophil lipocalin (HNL)	_	-
II	†10.4		X99133 <u>16</u>	Neutrophil gelatinase- associated lipocalin (NGAL)	9q34	D9S1821-D9S159
II	↑8.7		X85781 <u>17</u>	Nitric oxide synthase (NOS2)	=	-
II	↑5.1		X65965 <u>18</u>	Mitochondrial superoxide dismutase (SOD2)	6q25.3	D6S442-D6S1581
II	↑5.5	†4.6	M22430 19	Phospholipase A2, group IIA (PLA2G2A)	1p35	-
II	↑5.3		X51441 <u>20</u>	Serum amyloid A (SAA)	11p	-
II	↑3.9		J03474 <u>21</u>	Serum amyloid A (SAA1)	11p15.1	D11S921-D11S1369
II	†3.7		M21119 22	Lysozyme	-	-
II	†3.4		D00408 23	Cytochrome P450 IIIA, polypeptide 7 (CPY3A7) (CYP3A7)	7	D7S479-D7S2545
II	↓4.2		D14662 24	Anti-oxidant protein 2	1	D1S2790-D1S2640
II	↓4.4		X64177 <u>25</u>	Metallothionein	-	-
II	18		J03910 <u>26</u>	Metallothionein-1G (MT1G)	16q13	D16S3057-D16S514

Î	19	H. S.	X85771 27	Nitric oxide synthase 2	10	D10S1786-D10S541
- 11 §			2007.71.27	Regenerating islet-derived	170	D1031760-D103341
Ш	↑155	↑17.8	L08010 <u>28</u>	1 β (REG1B)	2p12	D2S286-D2S169
m	↑75	↑36.4	J05412 <u>29</u>	Regenerating islet-derived 1 $\underline{\alpha}$ (REG1A)	2p12	D2S139-D2S289
III	†9.7	↑10.2	L15533 <u>30</u>	Pancreatits Pancreatitis- associated protein (PAP)	2p12	D2S169-D2S139
Ш	↑58.8		HG3566- HT3769 <u>31</u>	Zinc Finger Proteins	-	-
Ш	↑55.1	↑12.5	M87789 <u>32</u>	Ig γ 3 (IGHG3)	14q32.33	D14S65-qTEL
III	↑17.5	↑4.7	M26311 33	S100A9/calgranulin B	1q12-q22	D1S514-D1S2635
III	↑10.8	↑3.6	U08021 <u>34</u>	Nicotinamide N- methyltransferase (NNMT)	11q23.1	D11S1347-D11S939
III	† 5		M72885 <u>35</u>	GOS2	-	-
III	†3.9	†4.2	X6561 4 <u>36</u>	S100 calcium-binding protein (S100P)	4p16	-
III	†3.9		U01691 <u>37</u>	Annexin AV (ANXA5)	4q28-q32	D4S2945-D4S430
III	†3.7		U22431 <u>38</u>	Hypoxia-inducible factor 1a (HIF1A)	14q21-q24	D14S1038-D14S290
III	†3.2		HG3494- HT3688 <u>39</u>	NF-116 NF-IL6	-	-
III		↑3.3	X99585 <u>40</u>	Suppressor of mif two 3 (SMT3H2)	8	D8S257-D8S508
III		†3.1	U66617 <u>41</u>	SWI/SNF related regulator of chromatin (SMARCD1)	12q13-q14	D12S333-D12S325
III		↑3.2	L19067 <u>42</u>	NF-kappa-B p65 subunit	-	-
III	↓3.1	↓3.2	D14520 43	Basic transcription element binding protein (2BTEB2)		•
III		↓3.2	M21142 44	Guanine nucleotide- binding protein <u>α</u> (GNAS1)	20q13.2- q13.3	D20S183-D20S173
III	↓6	↓4.9	AD000684 45	Liver specific bHLH-zip	-	-
III	↓3.1		S37730 <u>46</u>	Insulin-like growth factor binding protein 2 (IGFBP2)	2q33-q34	D2S137-D2S164
III	↓3.8		L11672 <u>47</u>	Zinc finger protein 91 (ZNF91)	19p13.1-p12	-
Ш	↓3.8		D32257 <u>48</u>	Transcription factor IIIa	13q12.3- q13.1	D13S221-D13S1244

III	↓5.5	↓3.3	M32886 49	Sorcin (SRI)	7q21.1	D7S524-D7S657
III	↓12.5	↓5.9	M16364 50	Creatine kinase, brain (CKB)	14q32	D14S65-qTEL
III	. ↑3		X52560 <u>51</u>	CCCAAT/enhancer binding protein	20q13.1	D20S109-D20S196
Ш		1 3	NM_001913 <u>52</u>	Cut (Drosophila) like-1	7q22	D7S479-D7S2545
III	en e	↓12	L37127 53	POLR2J	7q22-q3,1,1	D7S479-D7S2420
· III	J7	. [46.]	L39060 <u>54</u>	TATA-BP associated factor		D1S474-D1S439
IV	↑4.8		U21049 <u>55</u>	Epitheial Epithelial protein upregulated in carcinoma (DD96)	<u>-</u>	-
IV	↑3.5		D38583 <u>56</u>	Calgizzarin (S100A11)	7, 17, 4	D7S529-D7S4 84, D717s1352-D17S785 D4S1615-D4S1579
IV		†3.2	L42176 <u>57</u>	Downregulated in rhabdomyosarcoma (DRAL)	2q12-q14	D2S113-D2S176
IV	↓3.5		L07648 <u>58</u>	Max-interacting protein 1 (MXII)	10q24-q25	D10S597-D10S1681
IV	↓4.4		L02785 59	Down regulated in adenoma (DRA)	7q31	D7S2420-D7S523
ΙV	\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \		U29091 <u>60</u>	Selenium binding protein	1q21-q22	. D1S514-D1S2844
V	†9.2		M57466 61	HLA-DPB1	6p21.3	D6S1558-D6S1616
V	↑5.9		HG3576- HT3779 62	MHC II β W52	-	-
V	† 5		HG1872- HT1907 63	MHC Dg	-	-
V	↑4.9	!	M33600 64	HLA-DRB1	6p21.3	D6\$1558-D6\$1616
V	↑4.1		X00274 <u>65</u>	HLA-DR <u>α</u> heavy chain	-	-
V	†4	i	X6274 4 <u>66</u>	HLA-DMA	6p21.3	D6S1558-D6S1616
V	†4		M16276 67	MHC II HLA-DR2-Dw12 DQw1- <u>β</u>	-	-
v	↑3.4		X03068 68	HLA-D II antigen DQw1.1 <u>β</u>	-	-
V	↑10.8		X57809 <u>69</u>	lg <u>λ</u> gene cluster (IGL@)	22q11.1- q11.2	D22S420-D22S1144
V	↑9	↑3	L23566 <u>70</u>	Ig heavy chain, VDJRC	-	-
V	↑8.6		L02326 <u>71</u>	Ig <u>λ</u> -like polypeptide 2 (IGLL2)	22q11.2	D22S1144-D22S280

V	↑6.8		M63438 72	Ig rearranged γ chain, V- J-C region	-	-
V	↑5.6		X72475 <u>73</u>	Rearranged Ig <u>k</u> light chain	-	-
V	†4.6		M13560 74	Ia-associated invariant γ- chain (CD74)	-	-
V	†4.1		M34516 75	Ω light chain protein 14.1	-	
V	†4		X73079 <u>76</u>	Polymeric Ig receptor	-	-
V	†3.7		\$71043 <u>77</u>	Ig alpha 2 - IgA heavy chain allotype 2	-	-
V	↑3.7		X00437 <u>78</u>	T-cell specific protein/T- cell receptor	-	-
V	↑5.9		J03909 <u>79</u>	Interferon γ-inducible protein 30 (IFI30)	19p13.1	D19S899-D19S407
V	†3		M63838 80	Interferon y-inducible protein (IFI16)	-	-
V		↑4.8	D28915 <u>81</u>	Microtubular aggregate protein p44	1	D1S203-D1S2865
V	↓4.2	↓3.4	M13755 82	Inteferon stimulated protein 15-kDa (ISG15)	1	D1S243-D1S468
V		↓3.4	D11086 83	IL-2 receptor γ chain (IL2RG)	Xq13.1	DXS983-DXS995
V	‡ 3	‡6	M84526 <u>84</u>	Complement factor D (DF)	-	pTEL-D19S413
V	↓3.9		M38690 85	CD9 antigen	12p13	D12S99-D12S358
V	. ↑5		M28590 <u>86</u>	MHC Dg : -	6	
VI	†20.4	↑40.8	M97925 <u>87</u>	Defensin 5 (DEFA5)	8pter-p21	D8S552-D8S549
VI	↑6.8	↑7.7	U33317 <u>88</u>	Defensin 6 (DEFA6)	8pter-p21	D8S277-D8S550
VII	↑16.2	↑3.3	L23808 89	MMP-12 (Macrophage elastase)	11q22.2- q22.3	D11S1339-D11S1343
VII	↑6.4		J05070 <u>90</u>	MMP-9 (Gelatinase B)	20q11.2- q13.1	D20S119-D20S197
VII	†4.7		X54925 <u>91</u>	MMP-1 (Interstitial collagenase)	11q22.3	D11S1339-D11S1343
VII	†4.2		X05232 92	MMP-3 (Stromelysin 1)	11q22.3	D11S1339-D11S1343
VII	↑13.3	↑3.8	L10343 93	Elastase specific inhibitor (Elafin)	20q12-q13	D20S119-D20S197
VII	↑11	†3.1	Z74616 <u>94</u>	COL1A2	2q37	D2S2158-D2S125

VII	↑7.3		X52022 <u>95</u>	COL6A3	2q37	D2S2158-D2S125
VII	↑6.9	↑3.6	M55998 <u>96</u>	COLIAI	17q21.3-q22	D17S791-D17S794
VII	†4.8		X06700 <u>97</u>	COL3A1	2q31	D2S2257-D2S115
VII	†4.7		X15882 98	COL6A2	21q22.3	-
VII	↑3.9		X05610 <u>99</u>	COL4A2	13q34	D13S285-qTEL
VII	↑3.7	↑3.3	HG2157- HT2227 100	Mucin 4 (MUC4)	3q29	-
VII	↑3.1		X52003 <u>101</u>	Trefoil factor 1 (TFF1)	21q22.3	D21S1259-qTEL
VII		↑4.6	M22406 102	Intestinal mucin	-	-
VII	↑6.4		J03040 <u>103</u>	Osteonectin (SPARC)	5q31.3-q32	D5S436-D5S470
VII	†4	↑3.2	X17042 104	Proteoglycan 1 (PRG1)	10q22.1	D10S210-D10S537
VII	↑3.9		D11428 105	Peripheral myelin protein 22 (PMP22)	17p12-p11.2	D17S804-D17S799
VII	↑3.8		X02761 <u>106</u>	Fibronectin 1 (FN1)	2q34	D2S137-D2S164
VII	†3.7		M77349 107	Transforming growth factor beta-induced (TGFβI)	5q31	D5S393-D5S500
VII	†3.2	,	D13666 <u>108</u>	Osteoblast specific factor 2 (OSF-2)	13	D13S267-D13S1253
VII	†3.1		M10321 109	von Willebrand factor	12p13.3	D12S99-D12S358
VII	†3		L09190 110	Trichohyalin (THH)	1q21-q23	D1S439-D1S459
VII		↑3.1	D88422 111	Cystatin A (CSTA)	3q21	-
VII		†4.7	X58199 <u>112</u>	Adducin 2 (ADD2)	2p13-p14	-
VII		↑3.7	M86933 113	Amelogenin (AMELY)	Yp11.2	-
VII		↓3.2	D45370 114	Adipose specific collagen- like 2 (APM2)	10	D10S1786-D10S541
VII		↓3.8	X73501 <u>115</u>	Cytokeratin 20	-	
VII	. ↓4		U60061,116	Zygin 2	2.	D2S367-D2S2230; D2S177- D2S119
VII :		13	AF006087 117	Actin-related complex	3 1	D3S3591-D3S1283
VII.	沙 (海)。	↓6	D87460 <u>l'18</u>	Paralemmin	19p13.3	pTEL-D19S413
VIII	↑50.5		D28416 <u>119</u>	Esterase D (ESD)	13q14.1- q14.2	D13S328-D13S168

VIII	†4.7		M15656 120	Aldolase B	9q21.3 - q22.2	D15S202-D15S157
VIII		↑6.3	J04040 <u>121</u>	Glucagon (GCG)	2q36-q37	D2S156-D2S376
VIII		↓4.4	L31801 <u>122</u>	Monocarboxylate transporter 1 (MCT1)	1p13.2-p12	D1S418-D1S514
VIII	13		D10523 123	Oxoglutarate dehydrogenase (OGDH)	7p14-p13	D7S521-D7S478
VIII	↓4		M12963 124	Alcohol dehydrogenase 1a (ADH1)	4q21-q23	-
VIII	↓4 . 5		¥00339 <u>125</u>	Carbonic anhydrase II (CA2)	8q22	D8S275-D8S273
VIII	↓4.9	↓3.1	L10955 <u>126</u>	Carbonic anhydrase IV (CA4)	17q23	-
VIII	↓12.7	↓3.1	L05144 <u>127</u>	Phophoenolpyruvate Phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase 1, soluble (PCK1)	20q13.31	D20S183-D20S173
VIII	†3		U07158 <u>128</u>	Syntaxin 4A (STX4A)	-	-
VIII		†3	L27706 <u>129</u>	Chaperonin subunit 6A (CCT6A)	7	D7S530-D7S509
VIII	↓ 7	↓3.1	J04093 <u>130</u>	UDP-glycosyl-transferase 1 (UGT1)	2	D2S2158-D2S125
VIII	↓3.2		U20499 <u>131</u>	Sulfotransferase family 1A (SULT1A3)	16p11.2	-
VIII	↓3		M15182 132	β-glucuronidase (GUSB)	7q21.11	-
VIII	↓ 4		U08854 <u>133</u>	UDP glucuronosyltransferase precursor (UGT2B15)	4q13	D4S1619-D4S392
VIII	1 5		D87292 <u>134</u>	Thiosulfate sulfurtransferase (TST)	22	D22S277-D22S283
.VIII	↓13	↓ 4	M22324 135	Aminopeptidase N/CD13 (ANPEP)	15q25-q26	D15S202-D15S157
VIII	↓12	↑7	M22960 136	Protective protein for b beta-galactosidase (PPGB)	20q13.1	D20S119-D20S197
VIII	↑3.4		X90908 <u>137</u>	Fatty acid binding protein 6 (FABP6)	5q23-q35	-

VIII		†4.1	J0287 4 <u>138</u>	Fatty acid binding protein 4 (FABP4)	8q21	-
VIII	‡ 3		M10050 139	Fatty acid binding protein 1 (FABP1)	11p15.5	D11S1318-D11S909
VIII	‡ 3		L24774 <u>140</u>	Mitochondrial d3, d2- CoA-isomerase	-	=
VIII	↓4 .		D1629 4- <u>141</u>	Mitochondrial 3-oxoacyl- CoA thiolase (ACAA2)	18	D18S1118-D18S474
VIII	↓4		M77144 <u>142</u>	3 b <u>beta</u> -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase (HSD3B2)[[)]]	1p13.1	D1S418-D1S514
VIII	↓ 5		D10511 <u>143</u>	Mitochondrial acetoacetyl-CoA thiolase	-	-
VIII	↓ 7		Z80345 <u>144</u>	Acyl-Coenzyme A dehydrogenase (ACADS)	12q22-qter	D12S366-D12S340
VIII	↓ 7		L11708 <u>145</u>	17 b <u>beta</u> -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase II (HSD17B2)	16q24.1- q24.2	D16S515-D16S422
VIII	↓7		U26726 <u>146</u>	11 b beta-hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase II (HSD11B2)	16q22	D16S3031-D16S3139
VIII	13.5		X93036 147	MAT8 protein	19	D19S425-D19S418
VIII	112.2	↓4	M97496 148	Guanylate cyclase activator 1B 2A (UCA1B) (GUCA2A)	6p21.1	D1S2843-D1S417
VIII		†4.2	D17400 <u>149</u>	6-pyruvoyl- tetrahydropterin synthase (PCBD) (PTPS)	10q22	D10S210-D10S537
VIII		↑3.3	D21262 150	KIAA0035	-	-
VIII		↑3.1	AB002365 151	KIAA0367	-	-
VIII		↓4.5	M11119 152	Endogenous retrovirus envelope region	-	-
VIII	‡3.1		M19961 153	Mitochondrial cytochrome c oxidase Vb (COX5B)	2cen-q13	D2S113-D2S176
VIII	↓3.1		D26129 <u>154</u>	Pancreatic ribonuclease (RNASE1)	14	pTEL-D14S283
VIII	↓3.1		U77643 <u>155</u>	K12 (SECTM1)	17q25	-
VIII	↓4		HG3991- HT4261 <u>156</u>	Cpg CpG-Enriched DNA, clone E18	=	=
VIII	. ↓3.:		U84388 <u>157</u>	CRADD:	2q21:33-q23	*D12S327-D12S1657
VIII	13	サンタシー で	M82962 158	Meptrin l'A	6p12-p11	*D6S1616-D6S427
VIII	14	1000 miles	X17059 159	N-acetyl-transferase 1	8p23:1-p21:3	D8S549-D8S258
VIII	↓4		M60483 160	Protein phosphatase 2CA	5q23-q31	D5S471-D5S393
VIII	↓4		M69023 <u>161</u>	Tetraspanin-3	17q21	D17S933-D17S800
VIII	Marin Marina	13	D63391 162	PAF acetylhydrolase	19q13.1	D19S425-D19S418
VIII	1.5	↓3	X64559 163	Tetranectin A	3p22-p21.3	D3S1260-D3S1588
VIII	14		M25629 164	Kallikrein 1	19q13.3	
VIII	↓4		U16660 165	Enoyl CoA hydratase I	19q13.1	

VIII	↓19		X83618 <u>166</u>	Mitochondrial HMG Co A Synthase 2	lp13-p12	D1S4718-D1S514
VIII	↓4	↓4	D83782 <u>167</u>	SREBP cleavage activating protein		D3S3582-D3S1588
VIII	↓4	15	Z70295 168	Guanylate cyclase activator 2B	1p34-p33	D1S2843-D1S417
VIII	112		J04444 169	Cytochrome C1	8q24.3	D8S272-qTEL; D7S2493-D7S529
VIII	↓54 ×	Total de la constitución de la c	L77701 170*	COX17	113 1	D13S1253-D13S168
VIII		J3	L38487 171	Estrogen receptor α		D11S3913-D11S916
VIII	ļ3	3 4	M16801 172	Mineral corticoid receptor 3C2		D4S1586-D4S1548
VIII	\$57887.134	14	S49852 173	ATPase 2B1	12q21-q23	D12S102-D128327
VIII	↓ 4		D16469 <u>174</u>	ATPase 6S1	Xq28	DXS1193-qTEL, D2S110-D2S312
VIII	13		L20859 175	SLC20A1	2q11-q14	D2S293-D2S121
VIII	14		U14528 176	SLC26A2	5q31-q34	D5S436-D5S470
VIII	↓6	13	M14758 177	ATP binding cassette B1	7q21.1	D7S524-D7S657
VIII	15		U90543 178	Butyrophilin 2A1	6p21.3	D6S1660-D6S1558
VIII	↓7		M29610 179	glycophorin E	4q28-q31	D4S1579-D4S1604; D4S1604-D4S1586
VIII	[3		D14811 180	KIAA0110	6	D6S1558-D6S427

VI. Please insert the accompanying paper copy of the Sequence Listing, page numbers 1-157, at the end of the application.